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The Senate met at 9:33 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

God of love, we praise You because You are good. You made the Sun to rule the day and Your love is eternal. We receive strength from Your kindness and power from Your favor. You choose to bless us even when we don't deserve it. Great and marvelous are Your favors.

Lord, this is Your world and Your purposes cannot be stopped. Use us as Your instruments to accomplish Your will.

Today, give Members of this body courage and strength for their important work. May they avoid those words that create division and work toward a harmony that builds and strengthens. Give them radiant health for these challenging days and a serenity that comes from trusting You. Help them to find fulfillment in the knowledge that their work will help keep people free. We pray this in Your powerful name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, today we will have a period of morning business for the first hour of the day's session. Following that hour, the Senate will begin consideration of the fair credit reporting legislation. The consent agreement governing that bill allows for a limited number of amendments to be offered to the legislation. We hope to complete action on that bill during today's session.

Last night we were also able to reach an agreement on H.R. 1828, the Syria accountability bill. We may be able to schedule consideration of that measure during today's session as well.

Rollcall votes will occur throughout the day today. The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 for the regular party luncheons.

In addition to the items I have mentioned, the Senate will act this week on the Internet tax moratorium extension. I anticipate that debate to begin

on Thursday, and we will complete that before the end of this week.

Also, additional appropriations conference reports may be ready during the week, and we will proceed to those that are available.

It is my understanding the military construction conference is completed, and that may be ready for consideration this week.

We will continue to schedule votes as necessary over the course of the week.

This week we will also continue on the appropriations bills. I have been speaking to the chairman of the committee, and it is hoped the remaining bills can be finished in a timely way. I will have more to say on the specifics of the appropriations schedule after further discussion with the chairman, Senator STEVENS, and the Democratic leadership as well.

With that said, in order for us to adjourn at the earliest time this year, it is important for all of our colleagues to recognize we are going to need to work every day and have productive days. That is going to include Mondays, and it is going to include Fridays. It will likely include each day next week. I know a lot of Senators are wondering about their schedule for next week, given the Veterans Day holiday. I think over the course of the morning we will be able to lock in an understanding in terms of how and when we can consider these appropriations bills.

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